

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE DIVISION

STATE OF TENNESSEE, <i>ex rel.</i>)	
JONATHAN SKRMETTI, ATTORNEY)	
GENERAL and REPORTER, and)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, <i>ex</i>)	
<i>rel.</i> DANIEL CAMERON, ATTORNEY)	3:23-CV-00046-DCLC-JEM
GENERAL,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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IDEAL HORIZON BENEFITS, LLC d/b/a)	
SOLAR TITAN USA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court to consider the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of the United States Magistrate Judge [Doc. 218], in which the magistrate judge recommends that Plaintiffs’ Motion to Strike [Doc. 166] the affirmative defenses of Defendants Atnip and Kelley and Defendant Kirkland be granted in part and denied in part. The parties failed to file objections to the R&R.¹ *See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b).

After thorough consideration of the R&R and the record as a whole, the Court finds that the R&R properly analyzes the issues presented. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the R&R [Doc. 218] is **ADOPTED**, and Plaintiffs’ motion to strike [Doc. 166] is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**. Defendants Atnip and Kelley’s Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth,

¹ Failure to file objections within the 14-day period pursuant to Rule 72(b) results in waiver of the right to appeal the Court’s order. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 153-54 (1985).

Seventh, and Twelfth affirmative defenses and Defendant Kirkland's Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Twelfth affirmative defenses are hereby **STRIKEN** from their Answers.

SO ORDERED:

s/ Clifton L. Corker
United States District Judge